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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment:

- To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
- 2 To give personal service.
- 3 To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
- 4 To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

view point

Hello. And welcome to your new edition of Point Three. I'm looking forward to building this magazine with you, for I don't relish the idea of an editor's usual fate. Even in 1922 the editor of the Journal was afflicted: 'A new and unusually incompetent Editor here makes his bow and craves your indulgence. It is his ardent hope that this number may, after all, be published on October 1, but only the event will show whether this auto-suggestion will be translated into fact... For when the aforesaid Incompetent rashly took over, he found that the only material yet to hand was a post-script in a letter protesting against a split infinitive in the Great Holiday Number of last month!' The new Incompetent naturally went on to solicit contributions from his readers.

Which is not a bad thing for any editor to do, since, obviously, the magazine cannot exist without your interest and support—and if it cannot win your interest, then it's hardly worth having. *Point Three* is not a one-way communication from this office. It's an opportunity for everyone to share news and views and to contribute to the creative thinking which alone will move this Movement forward.

Point Three is expected to fulfil another role: to stimulate its readership to think twice. Thinking twice is summed up in fairmindedness: and we all, as members of Toc H, have to try to make fair thinking a part of our lives. So the true value of Point Three will only be realised through our response; through bettering the quality of our lives. It's a tall order, but if we don't

change our lives, we will never convince anyone of the credibility of Toc H.

Point Three's ultimate goal is to encourage each man to find his own convictions, and to understand that others will find theirs. This cannot be measured by circulation figures, and thankfully, Point Three is not dependent for its existence on showing a profit. The magazine might justify its existence if it leads people to a greater understanding of what Toc H is about-but it's worth remembering that greater understanding may not necessarily lead to greater commitment. It may produce an honest rejection, but that's the risk of 'An Honest Test', Toc H is better off with that reaction, I think, than indecision and stagnation. The important thing is to be sure of what we stand for, so that we know what is the test.

The magazine can only offer scope for a wider understanding of Toc H if all aspects of the Movement are reflected in its pages. We're dealing with a beast of many parts and we'll only understand them if we are allowed a decent look. Point Three thrives on individuals' willingness to make their point. One of the best things about Toc II is that it can create an atmosphere where anyone can speak his mind and be sure of a hearing-at least! Everyone's contribution is vital; it literally keeps Toc H alive.

This last conviction is, I believe, at the core of Action for the Seventies. Unless each one accepts responsibility for building Toc H, Toc H, at least around him, will cease to exist. A family is unable

to survive without relationships. We cannot rely on joining someone else's product any more; we have to make something, create for ourselves. It's an old saying, but nevertheless true, that 'Toe H depends on us'. It is equally applicable to the vitality of *Point Three*, which will never thrive on an isolated split infinitive.

S McW

We had promised to publish a list of Point Three correspondents, but we are glad to report that we are unable to do this, because there are so many of them! Make sure you know the Point Three correspondent for your District. He or she can advise you on what to send in to Point Three. Remember—we need to hear from all of you!

personality point

Sue McWilliam talked to the newest member of the field staff, John Biggerstaff, and his colleague in the Mid-Eastern Region, Sue Cumming.





John and Sue are both examples of good Toc H fishing, Identified as worthwhile recruits, they were encouraged to join Toc H and later invited to become members of staff. Both seized the opportunity when good qualifications and attractive career prospects could have lured them elsewhere. John was advancing in the Probation Service; Sue, with her degree in mathematics from Manchester University, was well qualified for a number of highpowered jobs, I asked John and Sue to explain why they had opted for Toc H.

They both came up with: 'It's the people'. John first got involved with Toc H members through last year's Peterborough project, 'How to run a city', which was designed to give potential social and community workers an insight into the 'helping professions'. John was working at the local probation office and became a familiar face over the project's fortnight, 'There was something rather special about Toc H. I met this bunch of live people who had got this interest in everything about them, And I had been mixing with so many people who had no idea where their lives were taking them, who were completely without direction. Here were people who really wanted to do something with their lives,' The sense of purpose and the commitment of the local Toc H members had

evidently impressed him. The rest was simple. He asked 'How does one join?'-the Movement not the staff! One of the local members took the initiative to invite him to sample branch life; and thereafter it was only a short time before Ray Fabes collared him for the staff.

Sue, likewise, responded to a personal invitation. 'Someone actually invited me to come on a project. I was thrilled. No one had ever asked me that before.' Projects tempted Sue into a first meeting with Toc H; that was in her last year at school. Then she got involved in two more after a year at university. She certainly didn't join up at once-the commitment to a weekly branch meeting was impossible with her mobile life-although she said she was 'enthralled with the ideas in the Four Points, This is it, I was disenchanted with what was going on in church at home; but this had got meaning to it. It wasn't too dogmatic and set in tradition.' Sue felt strongly that Toc H couldn't hope to sweep all project volunteers into the Movement immediately, Some would inevitably drift off, but if the project experience was good enough, it would hold their interest. That's what happened to her. After graduating she went out to Uganda to take her Certificate of Education, and thence to Kenya, teaching at a small girls' school for three years. On her return she wondered what 'that Toc H' was doing, was soon discovered, and invited to lead a project. 'The project was disastrous', Suc said, and she went down with glandular fever. Nothing daunted, and pressed again, she turned up at the

National Projects Conference after a wretched week at school, announcing that she was looking for another job. 'Their eyes were popping', she remembers. Toc H had gained another staff recruitsix years after the initial introduction.

Although it was six years before Sue could join the staff, she freely admitted to the benefits which Toc H had brought her, over her years of involvement at school and university. 'I found myself doing things I had never dreamed I could do.' The confidence she gained through Toc H enabled her to go out to Africa—and probably enabled her to leave a structured, well-defined teaching job for something far more nebulous, demanding and challenging.

Sue and John obviously feel that Toc H can provide them with greater scope for making their contribution to society. Both have left the formal educative and welfare professions for the informal. Both would agree with the statement which Sue wrote, shortly after accepting her staff appointment: 'I hope I may be able to provide many people with learning experiences. I believe that this should be a two-way process; that longstanding members of Toc H have something to learn from somebody who has only known Toc H for as long as a project has lasted, as well as vice versa. This is a time for great reappraisal of old ideas and old attitudes, not just in Toc H. I know that I am going to find my new work extremely exciting and challenging,'

news point

Say it with flowers — Toc H style

John Orange

Point Three Correspondent,

South Lincs District

The combined efforts of South Lines District and project groups from Birmingham and Peterborough, under the leadership of Hilary Geater, Ray Fabes and John Biggerstaff, resulted in a record £400 being raised for local and regional charities at the 1974 Flower Parade and Festival at Spalding on 11-12 May, Tulip garlands have become an accepted part of the ritual attached to this great annual event, and in order to achieve the above amount, more than 4,000 souvenir necklaces were needed. These accounted for something like 150,000 individual tulip heads and many hours of purposeful labour which meant little or no rest for those most directly engaged.

Chief Barker on the sales department was Ray Fabes, who shouted the odds in a most professional manner and ended up, quite literally, with tulips around his head, Staff man Jimmy Cliffe from north of the county also gave active assistance during the whole of the first day, whilst his wife Joan was otherwise occupied on a sponsored walk in another part of the county.

The local share of the proceeds will be used to help finance two holiday projects during August for deprived children from Leicester. I was fortunately able to enlist the help of Charlie Chester in order to publicise the Toc H garland stall, and as a result an announcement was made on our behalf during the Saturday show on BBC Radio 2.



Above: 'Put some flowers round your head.' Ray Fabes of East Midland Regional staff in charge of the sales department, with John Orange and Joan Biggerstaff and 30 more in the manufacturing department behind the scenes



New Director

Ken Prideaux-Brune has been appointed as the new Director by the Central Executive Committee, subject to confirmation by the Central Council at its meeting on 25 October 1974.

Dales holiday

Three young mums from Braith-waite and Guardhouse area, to-gether with their 10 children, ranging from six months to 12 years, left Keighley for a week's holiday in the Dales. The party stayed at the Toc H centre, Colsterdale, and the holiday was financed by funds raised at rummage sales, bring-and-buys, and other efforts.

Miss Margaret Hoofe, district inspector of the NSPCC, said, 'This is a marvellous idea. It's not just the kids getting a holiday they wouldn't otherwise have had, but mum will be able to get away herself.'

This was Keighley's first effort on these lines but plans are already being made to repeat the holiday later this summer-next time with complete families.

History repeated

The wheel turned full circle on members of Penrith branch of Toc H at the end of February when they found themselves moving out of their old rooms exactly 42 years after moving in! This was revealed as they came across their very first minute book during the clearing-out process.

Left: Decorated float entered by West Pinchbeck village and South Lincs Toc H in order to obtain 'rights' to sell tulip garlands on the exhibition ground Photos: Lincolnshire Free Press



Achievement ... Toc H Birmingham Outward Group

George Lee

Only those who have experienced the transition from utter despair, frayed tempers, differences of opinion and the constant scraping around for funds (resulting in weekly icy-cold stares from the local bank manager) to that of the sheer joy of full co-operation, of witnessing plans working out in detail (and the warm greeting of the bank manager) will appreciate the major change which has taken place in the Birmingham Outward Group over the past year. The original BOG was formed in 1968, based on an experiment that had taken place from the Newcastle Mark some years before. There was then little money but lots of ideas and enthusiasm, and as money began to dribble in so new equipment was purchased to extend the work among young people. Until in time some 400 young lads were being given the opportunity of taking part in outdoor activities on weeks or week-ends in the Lake District, meeting the challenges of rock, mountain and lake, as well as group living and thinking about themselves and others. Contact with the lads once back in Birmingham was maintained in one or other of the 'follow-up' clubs which ran with increasing success for some years.

As the activities developed and demands from the leaders grew, so did the differences of opinion between leaders and committee, until in 1972 it became crystal clear that the committee was unable to meet the demands being made upon it. There was also a division between those who wished the Group to continue

under Toc H sponsorship and those who felt that the Group should become independent. So in 1972 the old Group was disbanded. The new Group formed in early 1973.

During the past year a rich variety of leaders from many walks of life have brought their individual skills and expertise to the Group. The activities continue to centre on rock climbing, fellwalking and other outdoor pursuits, together with other essentials such as map reading and the care and use of all equipment. The Group also runs a night exercise where each individual's initiative has full rein and yet he has to learn of his dependence on others. Now in its second year of operations, the Group, in addition to the usual courses for beginners, has planned repeat and advance courses. The Group now possesses sufficient first-class equipment for all foreseeable needs and this is maintained in peak condition to ensure 100 per cent efficiency and safety at all times.

The main sources of contact for recruits are still the probation service, a local youth centre, and homes for delinquent boys and for the mentally retarded. The purposeful co-operation between leaders and committee has indicated how deeply both recognise the common goal of providing these lads with an insight into a new environment, a new life, with new challenges and new friends. While one does not seek to assess whether or not the experiment has proved a 'success', as the world judges, there are ample indications that the participants have had their lives greatly enriched beyond measure and their horizons widened by the activities in which they have participated and the company in which they have shared.

The home base for the Group remains at Mark VI in Birmingham while its operational base is at Weirside. This has proved ideal in every respect for the particular activities of this Group. The average week-end party consists of three leaders and nine lads with no more than two lads ever from one contact source, so that learning to live together becomes an essential and vital feature of every course.

For most of us 'achievement' means a gain in status or material possessions. It can do much to boost confidence and inspire new effort, for having achieved one thing our next goal seems nearer than before.

The Outward Group is in the 'achievement' business-but in more basic terms, for our concern lies with young people who have never before really achieved anything, except perhaps a police record, or a hollow victory in a gang fight. Our purpose is to



Members of the Birmingham Outward Group enjoying the Lake

show them that they can both meet and beat more meaningful challenges, and in this way come to realise, perhaps for the first time, that they do have potentials which can be employed both to their own advantage and to that of society in general.

It was once said of Toc H that 'the warmth of fellowship encourages men to "grow", revealing new qualities of leadership, initiative and imagination that can be put to good use in the service of others'. The first year of operations by the new Group has proved just that; with the hallmark being not simply the tremendous degree of co-operation and understanding between leaders and committee, but the ready assistance received from so many other sources: those who assist financially, those who maintain the equipment in peak condition, the lady who keeps the Group constantly supplied with woollen garments, the firm which looks after the maintenance of the Group's vehicle, and local firms which give generous discounts on our purchases.

With capable and enthusiastic leadership, with first-class equipment, with money in the bank, with an army of loyal supporters, is it any wonder that the Group enters its second year of operations with heads held high ... we may not achieve the sky, but that's our only limitation!





A family of like aims, differing methods

a brief snapshot of the Council of Voluntary Welfare Work



To be born at the behest of the Ministry of Defence does not seem the most auspicious start for an organisation, but thus it was with CVWW. Formed in 1939, it was set up to co-ordinate work with the Armed Forces by Christian and philanthropic bodies.

By 1939, perhaps belatedly, it was recognised that the Forces were involved in wars of movement, when Poperinges were no longer possible and, sadly, independent wayward genius would gum up the strategy. Links between those who wished to serve and the served were then necessary; but although mothered by operational military necessity CVWW adopted an independent role from the start and, more importantly, asked for and re-

Keith Rea, Commissioner, Toc H Services Clubs, BAOR, has been appointed Chairman of the Council of Voluntary Welfare Work, BAOR. Here he outlines the nature of the Council's work Photo: Skegg Blanchard ceived a family co-operation between the individual organisations it served.

The nucleus of the Council is very small. Its honorary Chairman is Sir Austin Strutt kevo, CB. Its London secretariat is Col and Mrs George Crooks working in two small offices in the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea, and out in Germany it employs a chairman for its BAOR Committee to advise on the complicated local problem of labour, currency and co-ordination. (I will succeed Lt-Cdr Fred Savage in this office.)

Constitutionally, CVWW and its subcommittees are concerned with organisations' links with the Forces; but meeting together for this purpose proves not enough, and voluntary agreements on many matters relating to Christian work are reached and have a great effect upon the development of work with the Forces. It would be true to say that without the family spirit of CVWW, important for sharing ideas, organisations serving the Forces would have long ago emptied their coffers of money available for this type of work.

Although Toc H started in a Services Club at Poperinge, it is young in the field compared with some organisations in CVWW, which have a history of Forces work going back to the Crimean War. CVWW only came into the picture during the 1939–45 war and during that time co-ordinated the work from organisations which served over 5,000 clubs (Toc H had over 400), 1,800 mobile canteens and which employed 358,000 workers.

Today there are fewer clubs, but the demands made on them by the professional Services means that clubs are larger and canteens are supplemented by bookshops and gift shops. In BAOR, Berlin and Cyprus, the provision of newspapers, a link with home, is regarded by the Forces as essential for morale. It also means that CVWW clubs have to open nearly every day of the year.

CVWW is responsible for siting welfare organisations in different parts of the world. Organisations are no longer competing with one another and accept voluntarily their sphere of activity. Although there is no lack of volunteers, security problems have prevented more voluntary Forces work in Northern Ireland.

Around the world GVWW serves in:
Far East
Methodist Church
Sandes Homes
YMCA
Royal Sailors' Rest

Middle East (including Cyprus, Gibraltar and Malta)
Methodist Church
CESSAC (Church of England Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club)
YWCA
YMCA
MMG (Mission to Military Garrisons)
Salvation Army

Berlin and BAOR Church Army Salvation Army Methodist Church YMCA YWCA Toc H

Northern Ireland Sandes Home

The largest concentration of British Forces in the world is in Germany where the CVWW organisations have fifty clubs with a total turnover of more than £3 million.

CVWW acts for Christian and philanthropic bodies and is therefore not specifically Chrstian in concept. However, it is interesting that only Christian organisations remain in the field.

The image of the services varies very much in the public and political mind. There is much waxing and waning of enthusiasm for their work. Servicemen must ride over the fickleness of the public and be committed to the defence of country and freedom, through fair and dark times. Christian organisations are also committed to serve on a constant basis and cannot change their policy every time the wind blows. Therefore, the long history of voluntary Forces work has been built through the commitment to freedom and responsibility.

The keynote to Forces work in CVWW is compassion for the individual and respect for those who do a dangerous and difficult job on behalf of us all. The intent is always to make clubs places where people count; service is personal and friendship available for those who seek.

Beyond Forces work, I have always felt that there is a need for even closer ties between Christian voluntary organisations, and strangely, in my experience, those that come about for practical purposes seem to be the most successful. In various ways I have been connected with these practical sharing organisations such as the Social Workers' Pension Fund and Social Service Supplies, but CVWW remains for me the most comprehensive and the one with the most potential. Is there not a need in England for a family of organisations in the Christian voluntary social service field? Imagine the potential of a modern YMCA or YWCA hostel with a good Toc H branch working within it: a combined festival filling Wembley Stadium, rich with the musical contribution of the Salvation Army. There are so many things we could do better together. Years hence will see that these are not idle dreams if we are wise now and walk together in the path of Christ.

news point

News, cartoons, crosswords and photos (clear black and white, please) are always welcome. Please send to: Editorial Office, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks HP22 6BT.

Tubby Clayton fund

The Tubby Clayton Memorial Fund, thanks to the continuing 50p contributions from members through branches and generous gifts by City companies, firms and institutions in response to a personal appeal by Sir Eric Drake, to whom the Trustees are most grateful, now amounts to £25,000, and we hope that contributions will continue to come in. The final objects of the Fund as agreed with the Charity Commissioners are as follows:

To further all or any of the aims and objects of Toc H (a body incorporated by Royal Charter), and (a) in particular to carry out and assist in investigation into social and religious needs and conditions and research work therewith; and (b) provide facilities and funds for the working by any ordained persons to supplement the traditional local ministry of any minister or clerk in Holy Orders of any Christian denomination.

Thus the objects authorised are comprehensive, and the Trustees have decided that the immediately most effective and suitable way of using the Fund will be by short-term assistance of new projects in order to enable them to be launched and tried out, and the assistance of men desiring to enter the ministry of their denomination and prevented from doing so for financial reasons.

The Trustees held a meeting on 14 May 1973 to decide on the in-

VS £900 Footsore

Four-year-old Hannah Cross was tucked up in bed while a tribute was paid to her at the Toc H spring dance held at the Golden Palms, Blackburn.

For Hannah was the youngest person taking part in the 16-mile sponsored walk along the Pennine Way from Accrington to Whalley Nab and back. Her efforts, along with those of no less than 200 other foot-sore volunteers, raised £900 to help send deprived children from East Lancashire on a week's holiday at the Toc H children's

camp at Rhyl.

The dance was one of two events organised for the walkers to bring in their sponsorship money, and awards were presented to the youngest and oldest walkers. Hannah was too young to stay up, but Mrs Mary Barker, aged 70, was presented with a well-deserved trophy for being the oldest walker.

The organising force behind the whole affair was Mr Alan Daniels of the Toc H North Wales and North-West Regional staff.



Three young friends took part in the Toc H 16-mile sponsored walk along the Pennine Way, and helped to raise £900 for the Toc H children's holiday camp at Rhyl Photo: Lancashire Evening Telegraph, Blackburn



Checking the route over the Pennine Walk is the Mayor of Hyndburn with three of the walkers. Councillor Wallace Haines officially started the walk Photo: Haslingden Observer

vestment of the funds already available in order to gain the maximum interest in the immediate future. In the light of their terms of reference and the objects of the Trust, they decided to have wider consultations, with, for example, the All Hallows Trust and the Wakefield Trust, and to meet again soon to consider early action. It will be remembered that, in the light of Tubby's express wish, the Fund is entirely under the control of Toe H Trustees and not of the Central Executive Committee.

Honorary Treasurer

Gerry Ashfield has been appointed Honorary Treasurer, to succeed George Liddle, in October.

Gerry joined Toc H in 1928, and lived in Mark I in Notting Hill until 1934. He has been a member of the Finance committee since 1948 and as Deputy Treasurer has been responsible for capital investment.

Drop in with Paraclan

Paraclan, the only sports parachute club in the east of Scotland, offer you a novel means of fundraising. This display team has over two years' experience of jumping—into rivers, lochs or the sea—and is prepared to demonstrate jumps for charities, at reduced rates. 'Save the Children' have found this form of fund-raising successful and have sponsored their own teams.

For further information contact Lilian Ayres (Scottish Regional Office), who is a member of Para-

clan.





No prizes for guessing Lilian! Paraclan, Fife and East of Scotland Sport Parachute Club

'Lightline' comes to New Zealand

The Toc H Flashing Light scheme has, after many years' service in Britain and Australia, reached New Zealand where it has taken on the title 'Lightline', a name which has caught the imagination of the media and the public.

It was Philip Liner, Dominion Vice-Chairman in New Zealand. who approached Australia for information on the scheme and got speedy assistance from Toc H Victoria, The Wellington branch took up the challenge and, through a number of members who live in the nearby town of Tawa, that place was chosen for the experiment. The local college jumped at the chance to manufacture the lamps and are now coming round to thinking that they may have a job for life. With the co-operation of the district nurses and police, the scheme was launched recently by the Minister of Social Welfare, the Hon Norman King MP. Three local newspapers (two of them with almost national coverage), radio and television, also took an interest in the proceedings, and as a result inquiries have been coming in from other places and other organisations, asking 'How does it work?' and 'Can we use it?' Toc H, being quite small in New Zealand, is delighted to encourage others to start their own'Lightline'schemes, but is requesting other organisations to call their schemes 'the Toc H "Lightline" operated by ... Although we have no corner of the market, Toc H New Zealand feels that it will not do any harm to have the name perpetuated throughout the country as the schemes grow.

Minister King, speaking at the official launching, congratulated those involved in the project and said he was pleased to learn that young people had been involved. It was not only a wonderful example of team work within the community, but it showed that there were many ways in which young people could help significantly in such welfare projects, and when given the opportunity they

did so enthusiastically. In these times when so much attention is focused on the instances of wrongdoing of our youth, it is heartening to see such examples of our young people being involved in such a praiseworthy community effort', Mr King said.

As a result of this first 'Lightline' scheme in Tawa, it is more than likely that a new Toc H group will be formed in the Borough, since several other areas within a radius of 10 miles have inquired about the scheme. Toc H would then be able to mastermind the expansion.

Toc H Stamp Appeal survives

Dennis Walker has kindly offered to take on the work of the Stamp Appeal from the late Charles Wake. Please send any British or foreign stamps to Dennis at 11 Sawley Close, Eastmoor, Wakefield, Yorks.

News from 'Down Under'

David Viner has been appointed to the staff in South Australia as from 29 April, Aged 24, David was awarded a scholarship by the National Fitness Council to study group work, and during this time he did a survey of the service to Youth Councils and completed a report on leisure facilities available to young people. He has travelled extensively in Africa, Europe and Asia and will be working initially with young people, particularly with the leaders of the youth group in Adelaide where he hopes to make contact with more young people and extend their community service.

Reconciliation in Northern Ireland

So much publicity is given to the terrible incidents in Northern Ireland that it is easy to lose sight of the thousands of people who are living in harmony with their neighbours of all creeds and who want nothing more than to return to peace and normality. Among these are many devoted workers co-operating in organisations to promote better community relations and to heal the divisions in our society. This work is hampered, particularly in some areas, by the intimidation of members and their families, sometimes to the extent of forcing them to leave their homes. Nevertheless, there is still a substantial number of people prepared to carry on the work of reconciliation

One such movement is Witness for Peace, founded by the Rev J D Parker, following the death of his 14-year-old son Stephen in an explosion on 'Bloody Friday'. When I spoke to Rev Parker, he explained that, after Stephen's death, he felt he must try to answer some of the questions his son had put to him. 'What will it be like when I'm 17?' 'Why are all the churches, schools and political parties divided?' 'Can nobody do anything about it?' Together with other sponsors, of all denominations, who have lost relatives as a result of the disturbances, the Rev Parker founded 'Witness for Peace', not as a movement to recruit members but as an appeal to individuals to commit themselves to renewal and, by wearing a badge, to give effective Christian witness to the

We have seen too much of the violence of Northern Ireland in the British media. Bombs make good headlines, but they cut short the facts. Despite the violence wrought by extremists on all sides and the vagaries of politicians –even the recent strike–there is ample evidence to show that the mass of ordinary people in Ulster now want to live in peace. They do not enjoy an existence of fear, anxiety or intimidation; nor did the majority of them ask for it. Amid the tension, many quiet efforts are being made to achieve reconciliation and peace. A social worker from Belfast describes some of the movements currently working for peace.

public. The badge symbolises the challenge of the cross to the darkness in which we are now engulfed, with the reminder: 'What Price Peace?' The maxims of the movement are 'Be honest, be generous, be just, be confident.' They seek to liberate people from entrenched positions in order to work for a long-term consolidated peace.

The sponsors felt that they, like many others in Northern Ireland, had been through their own form of Gethsemane, and they came together in an attempt to save others from sharing the same tragedy. They felt that if it had not been for the help and grace of God they could not have coped with the loss; and agreed that what God could do for a few, he could do for all. They believe that we have concentrated far too much on the things which divide us and not enough on those which we have in common, \

About 30,000 people have identified themselves with the movement and its aims. Vigils for peace have been held and people from all over the province have taken part. Although this is tremendously important, the most vital factor is the need for individual reform-for each person to look at his own attitudes and motives and to decide whether they are honest, generous and just. If they are, then the sponsors of 'Witness for Peace' believe that we will see our neighbours in a new light and be confident that we can begin again. I

PACE (Protestant and Catholic Encounter) was founded in 1969 by a group of Protestants and Catholics who felt that only by meeting together and learning about each other would they dispel fear and tension in the community. PACE sets out to:

 (a) promote harmony and goodwill between the religious and political communities in Northern Ireland

- b) demonstrate that, although people may be separated by differences of conviction, there are many activities in which they can freely unite in order to work together for the common good of all
- c) work with all who desire the establishment of a social order based upon justice and charity, and involvement by mutual respect and understanding; thus leading to the elimination of the factors which produce harmful divisions in our society.'

There are, at present, 38 PACE groups, one in almost every principal town. PACE groups meet monthly, for discussion, or to arrange community projects: holidays for children, adventure camp training, festivals. PACE is trying to encourage schools to stay open during the school holidays, to provide badly needed play facilities.

'Women Together' is a vigorous movement, sponsored by PACE and founded in November 1970.

Small groups of women work for peace in their own home area. They are dedicated and courageous. The aims of 'Women Together' indicate the difficulties existing in troubled areas and the need for courage and determination in order to bring about a change in attitudes. It aims 'to bring together women who believe that violence, with all its heartbreak, must be banished from Northern Ireland', It seeks 'to give them the corporate strength to resist undesirable pressures and to use their influence for peace in their homes, street and neighbourhood'. It works 'to foster a sense of pride in their locality and enable them as a group to bring effective pressure on the local authorities to fulfil their obligations', And it 'offers them a wide range of activities which they can engage in as a relief from their home commitments and as a means of working together'.

Almost every 'Women Together' group is engaged in fund-raising, to give holidays to Protestant and Catholic children; to help bereaved families and those who have lost homes and possessions. Their strength lies in the support which they give each other, and in their dedication to the cause of peace and reconciliation. Through each group's sensitivity to the needs of its area, 'Women Together' has had considerable success in promoting goodwill and reducing tension. Every member is determined to go on with this work-at considerable risk-as long as necessary, and they continue to hope for increased support for their task.

There are then countless other non-sectarian groups—for drama, music and other interests—whose members have continued to attend faithfully over the years, despite great difficulties in travelling or in finding accommodation for their activities. Groups such as these are often forgotten because they have been an accepted part of the community for such a long time. Nevertheless, the work which they do should not be underestimated.

It is encouraging to see that movements such as 'Witness for Peace', 'PACE' and 'Women Together' have been able to gain so much public support in their work. It is regrettable that the established churches have failed to provide more leadership in attempting to bridge the sectarian divide. Even their support for movements such as these has been limited. Despite this lack of backing, and in spite of numerous other problems, dedicated members of these organisations continue to work in the hope that peace and reconciliation will prevail in Northern Ireland.



The Corrymeela Community



Corrymeela is recognised in Northern Ireland as a synonym for reconciliation. Such is the dedication of the Corrymeela Community, a group of Christians—of all denominations—who have pledged to work for reconciliation among the people of Ulster. They have earned the trust of several opposing parties. It's said that the Corrymeela minibus is the safest vehicle in Belfast!

Corrymeela is not grounded in its influence or inspiration, but it works from two centres: in Belfast, and at Corrymeela ('the hill of harmony') on the beautiful north Antrim coast. The staff and volunteers try to help those living in especially troubled areas by temporarily removing them from violence and giving them a holiday. Service projects (similar to Toc H projects) for old people, teenagers, school groups and families provide a common meeting ground for Protestant and Catholic, Left and Right, middle and working class. The atmosphere at Corrymecla enables these people to talk to one another, to find out what they have in common, to dispel fear and to soften deep-rooted prejudice. It is difficult to grasp just how deep a rift a segregated education system can cause, Protestant and Catholic children in separate schools have viewed each other as different creatures. And yet on a recent mixed school project at Corrymeela, a 14-year-old boy said: 'At first I was afraid to go, as I thought there would be fighting. But it wasn't like that at all. We found out that they're

Below: David Kossoff helps children to forget their differences

Bottom: Everyone mucks in at Corrymeela Photos: Corrymeela Community





just like us.' The Community is particularly concerned about the children. There is a special village, Tara, within Corrymecla's grounds, for youth projects. It is self-contained and accommodates 20 children.

Corrymeela looks hard for opportunities to bring people together. Manual work and educational courses are invaluable, as a recent rock-hunting trip proved. 'There may be a Protestant history, and a Catholic history, but there's only one Geology!'

The driving spirit behind the Community is its Founder and Director, Reverend Ray Davey, His conviction that Christian love means love for everybody is an inspiration to all, and especially to those who have to leave Corrymeela and return to troubled homes, Ray Davey has opened another house in Belfast, so that he can follow up contacts and friendships made. Two mixed vouth groups already meet in Belfast, and there's a plan to establish a community and youth centre in co-operation with local residents.

The Community does not stop at providing welfare service. It has a much wider conception of its task.

It aims to be 'a School of Reconciliation, realistically facing all that divides men and women culturally, politically and theologically-because no false reconciliation can endure'. Its members see themselves as radical Christians working for change in the whole political and social order. Corrymeela aims to be 'a channel through which all sorts of people can work for a better society and the renewal of man at every level of his being'. It challenges the institutional churches, by becoming, in the words of Tullio Vinav (who opened the Ballycastle centre in November 1965), 'a question mark to the Church today-so that it may review its structures and task, and be free from its instinct of preservation to hear the time of God for its mission in the world'. Corrymeela's symbol reflects their belief in the constraining love of God, 'It holds us together and yet pushes us out to witness in life and service in the world."

The Christian community evolved in 1964 from a group of students in Belfast, who were influenced by the examples of the Iona Community in Scotland, the Agape Community in Italy, and Taizé in France. Since then it has greatly expanded and is now supported in prayer, and money, by an ever-increasing number of groups around the world. Ray Davey has been greatly inspired by the world-wide solidarity of the Christian Church, and the truth of St Paul: 'If one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it.'

The London supporting group (at 12 Gloucester Terrace, w2 3DD) has just launched an appeal for £100,000 to pay for more staff and accommodation at Corrymeela. One feels that whatever plans and policies are devised, the ultimate reconciliation can only be effected through individuals being prepared to change their attitudes, in order to be used as 'an instrument of God's peace'. Learning to trust others is the toughest task, but the simplest solution. Corrymeela offers hopenot naïve do-goodery-and gives guts and courage to people who must now hold out for their beliefs and resist violence. And that means braving intimidation, defying one's neighbours. Not easy, but as the old proverb has it: 'It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.'

Below: Corrymeela, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim



talking point

Rev Bob Knight

Who are the extremists?

Rev Bob Knight, Headquarters Padre, opens a new series of 'Talking Points'



Men and women appear to be of one disposition or the other, the right or left. To resign ourselves to the inevitability of contrasting and opposing positions is disastrous: as disastrous as the assumption that the way to dispose of one's opponents is by attrition. It is not difficult for the older members of Toc H, spawned in the appalling horror which a spirit of attrition can create, to sense the disaster inherent in constant confrontation.

Disposition to right or left is not decided by our genes. It is learnt from our experience. A sign of maturity is the capacity to weigh the evidence from right or left and, when appropriate, move nearer to one and farther from the other. Only a fool stays in the position he inherited by birth, while society alters around him. That was the life story of the Dodo.

The present situation in Ireland is created by extremists. But who are the extremists? Men who live surrounded by their privately accumulated wealth of millions, or those who angrily or murderously plot? In our present development of democracy we punish only one of these two groups, But are they not both extremists? The accumulation of wealth has been accompanied by the accumulation of indifference: indifference to industrial investment, indifference to education, indifference to law and order. indifference to other men's hopes, fears and, finally, anger. Such weight of indifference inevitably gave way to apathy. The gradualists are now in danger of being overwhelmed by the extremists on both sides.

How may progress be made? Europe, and much of the rest of the world, is dominated by the thinking of a man whom Bronowski has had the courage to call a fool and his philosophy detestable, Friedrich Hegel. It was his philosophy that men advanced by confronting one

idea by its opposite, and through the resulting tension and explosion, change (progress, always, he presumed) would inevitably be achieved. This is all very well for a knock-about debate. It can be an effective way for friends to provoke one another to think harder than they otherwise would.

But Hegel's philosophy, through Karl Marx, has got into the hands and minds of men who use it violently, both physically and mentally, in a class struggle; extremists on both the right and the left. They have been misled into the habit of confrontation instead of mutual respect and the attempt to understand, Exhausting though it can be, mutual understanding is more profitable than the exhaustion of attrition. Bringing a capitalist economy to its knees will work no better in Ireland than it did in the USSR. Cardinal Heenan, during the last election campaign, observed that an alternative to capitalism must be found, but it is foolish to presume that it must be communism.

There is a Christian way of making progress:
'Whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my father in heaven.'

This method rests on the will to understand by those of the right and by those of the left, and requires fairmindedness. Complacent or fanatical men on the right or on the left will win more maturity by submitting to its discipline. In the exercise of fairmindedness the grace of God flows, and in time a new spirit is breathed into the atmosphere on which all depend for daily living.

The present political and economic system on which democracy depends is not perfect: it needs changing, persistently and gradually, and not only in Northern Ireland. The electorate is not fooled by the two-party system, and is getting wise to the detestable philosophy on which it rests.

action point

Action for the Seventies has provoked a great deal of controversy. It is obviously bringing about considerable change, and yet change only in the methods of working, not change in the things which lie deepest and mean most in Toc H. Action will not alter the Movement's objectives; it is merely attempting to speed up their realisation. Strategy for the Seventies, while reaffirming its conviction in the Four Points and the world-wide Family, saw the need to revitalise the Movement and make the most of our resources. Action emphasises that the way to do this is to make better use of everybody. We'd better all face the fact that Toc H will only survive if we build it, and move others to build it with us.

It is precisely this building task for which the new administrative structure is designed. Action is trying to free as many people as possible to get on with the job of extending Toc H: forming friendships, finding out what needs to be done in the community, taking the chance to introduce others to Toc H. The more efficient our administration, the more time and energy we have left for the real job.

Action inevitably concentrated on administrative details, perhaps to the point where some of us have lost sight of the real task force: the development group, extension team, project group or whatever.

The Central Council has accepted Action for the Seventies and we are all committed to making it work. Yet problems and misgivings

remain, and this column hopes to present an opportunity to air them. We hope to receive accounts of helpful experiences as well as criticisms; so that the wide experience of the Movement might be brought to bear on the difficulties and that through the interchange of ideas we might make progress. Action was compiled from the opinions and experience of members from all parts of Toc H. 'Involvement has been the keyword in the preparation of the administrative structure' (Tim Hulbert, Central Council, 1973). Point Three would like the conversation among members to continue during the growing stages of this new administration. In the autumn Point Three will start a series on the personalities of the new Regional Executives.

We begin with an unsolicited letter; and invite further comment from readers.

S McW

Membership Cards

The members of this branch are not in agreement with the suggestion in Action for the Seventies that 'membership cards will not be required'.

We think that membership cards should be retained, as proof of membership, as with other organisations. How else does anyone know one is a member of Toc H? (A badge is not sufficient proof.)

Janet A L Chambers
East Worthing, Sussex

The question of membership cards (referred to under section 6.2 of Action) has not been fully resolved. The annual issue of membership cards is continuing for the time being. A 'passport'-or membership booklet with additional information on the Four Points, sponsorship, and financial commitment-is currently being devised. 'Passports' will be issued to new members on joining.

Ed

On 27 April 1974 the Central Executive Committee approved the establishment of the following regions, having Regional Councils and Regional Executive Committees as agreed under Action for the Seventies:

Mid Eastern Region North-Eastern Region North Wales & North-West Region West Midlands and South Wales Region

Southern Region South-Western Region

1Sept 1974

Anti-Democracy

At the present time the structure of our society is under attack and codes of conduct are being ignored in order to reverse decisions and agreements democratically made. A great deal of this is due to a breakdown of communication, and I very much regret that there is evidence that this has now gained a foothold in Toc H.

The two most controversial proposals in Action for the Seventies concern (a) the new District Executive committees and (b) the annual renewal of membership. At the last Central Council the former was accepted, with slight amendments, by 62 votes to 38 and the latter without amendment or dissent. To my mind this proves conclusively what the Movement wants, and it is the duty of every councillor to remember that all decisions made at any Council meeting represent the policy of the Movement for the time being, and to convey this to the members whom they are chosen to represent. If they fail to do so they are not only betraying the trust placed upon them but also contradicting one of the 'Four Points' which they have pledged to uphold.

John Morgan Ruislip, Middx

news point United

Bicycle appeal

In response to an appeal for bicycles, Colwyn Bay Toc H have handed over four bicycles to the local school for mentally handicapped children. The headmaster, grateful for the response, was able to see the children learning to enjoy some of the pleasures of more normal children

Lightening polka

A Spring Ball organised by Rushden Royal women's branch raised £309 for their district project funds. Over 300 people came to the dance undeterred by the 'current' difficulties of the threeday week,

Bowled over!

Toc H Wymondham branch have won the Sydney Waller Bowls Cup and the branch will now be responsible for organising the competition this coming season,

Lick that!

The latest achievement of Weymouth women's branches of Toc H will take a lot of licking. They have filled no less than 171 books of trading stamps in order to reach their target-the purchase of a Chairmobile invalid chair for a local disabled person.

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Co-operation between the Cowes, IOW, and the Bournemouth and Christchurch joint branches meant that Percy Archer, his wife Gwen and their 15-year-old son Richard had a week's holiday at a chalet on Gurnard Marsh, Cowes. This is the first holiday for many years that Percy, a sufferer from multiple sclerosis, Gwen and Richard have had, and they were full of praise for all the Toc H friends who had made it possible. The local branch held their weekly meeting at the chalet so that their guests could be present.

Percy, Gwen and Richard leaving the IOW ferry at Lymington on the homeward journey Photo: Reg Collins



Kettering Top of the Form

Kettering Branch won the Northants district fourth annual quiz, beating the other finalists, Wellingborough B, by 36 to 21 points. Sue Cumming was the charming and competent question master.

The quiz is a modified form of 'Top of the Form' as broadcast by the BBC and is not to be confused with the more erudite 'University Challenge'. This year the questions and answers had been compiled by Harry Bailey, Unfortunately, he could not be present as he was in hospital recovering from an operation,

Thirteen teams took part in the quiz this year, including teams from the Girls' High School and the Boys' Grammar School in Wellingborough.

Northants district recently held a district week-end at Dor Knap. Included in the party of 22 were no fewer than 13 who had never been to Dor Knap before, If you haven't yet been, try to find an excuse to go-the beauty of the countryside and the warmth of atmosphere will make a visit well worth while.

Radio Response

Radio Tayside, run under the auspices of Toc H, has had a flood of applicants in response to its advertisement for a DI. The service, which broadcasts to local hospitals, had over 40 applicants after only three days.

Malcolm Finlayson, the secretary of Radio Tayside, said, 'We are stepping up our service and arc now on the air four nights a week. We hope eventually to increase that to six or seven nights.' Their evening programme includes an hour of hospital requests and an hour of more specialised jazz and classical music.

Radio Tayside is also looking for a programme production staff to help collect requests from patients.

An appeal was made through a local newspaper recently for gramophone records and 'the response was fantastic', said Malcolm. 'We received well over 500 discs. Now that we are building up our efforts we shall need even more.

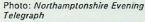
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The photo-therapy unit for which women of the Toc Hartlepool branch helped to raise money. The unit, which was presented to the premature baby unit of Hartlepool Cameron Hospital, consists of a fixed-frequency light which can reduce the level of blood pigments in a newborn baby Photo: West Hartlepool Mail



Ready for the show! That's Wellingborough Toc H during the final dress rehearsal, preparing for the annual rendering of their zany concert. The extravaganza took place at Wellingborough Grammar School and profits from the show were donated to Toc H funds to help run local playgroups and children's holidays





Green Shield stamps collected by Newport Toc H financed this Chairmobile. The chair was presented by the branch to Mr H Fudge, seen here giving it a trial run! Photo: South Wales Argus



Staff Conference 1974: One of the highlights of the conference was John Hull's series of devotions. Extracts will appear in next month's *Point Three*. Photo: Bishop Marshall & Son



At the Nailsea Toc H annual supper for the elderly, Fiona Silvester, of the 1st Nailsea Guides, was one of the many young helpers Photo: Keith Flower

LETTERS

extend this Movement we need staff to work with the membership to this end. It has been proved during the last few years that without full-time field staff very little extension has taken place.

I believe that if we are going to

George Barnett
Finance Secretary

Finance

I feel that in reply to the letter in the May issue from George Davis some concrete facts must be put into print for the benefit of those members who are not in the centre of things with regard to the financial policy of the Movement.

It was agreed, some years ago, that the annual expenditure of the Movement could be the total income from all sources plus $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the growth value of our assets,

If the CEC in considering the annual estimates for the year 1974/5 had adhered to this policy the maximum expenditure would be £319,250 and not the approved expenditure of £349,775.

Spending £319,250 instead of £349,775 would only increase the financial life of Toc H by three years. This estimate uses the same basis for calculation as was used for predicting 'All funds spent in 15 years'.

Staffing. The CEC approved the appointment of 14 additional field staff and not 26 as George states.

It is interesting to look at some comparative figures of field staff:

comparative		s of field	staff:
	1955	1961	1974
Toc H	31	23	32
WA	9	8	
Additions			
approved	-		14
			-
Totals	40	31	46
	-	-	-

Some comment must be made on George's letter (May issue) lest it is taken too seriously!

1. The Central Council overwhelmingly approved Strategy for the Seventies ... and the Central Executive has acted accordingly. 2. The decision to act in faith was responsibly taken—the talk was and is not airy-fairy, unless one assumes that faith is always

airy-fairy, 3. Stewardship means proper use of assets (men and material); not hoarding for an uncertain future. 4. If any act of faith is regarded as a gamble then the decision to try to appoint a goodly number of extra staff is a gamble. Certainly there appears to be no queue and one doubts, unfortunately, whether 1974/5 will see the recruitment of 26. There is a clear mandate from the membership to appoint the extra staff. 5. Assuredly, the careful maintenance of material assets since the 1939-45 war has seen a steady decline in membership and staff. Perhaps that kind of care has been proved to be quite ineffective over a 30-year period? 6. The Movement either expands or bursts during the next decade, so many believe. The act of faith

6. The Movement either expands or bursts during the next decade, so many believe. The act of faith will, if God wills to use Toc H and if all members loyally take part without overmuch niggling, lead to expansion. The old methods were clearly leading to extinction.

7. Time is not on the side of Toc H.

8. The decision was, of course, democratically arrived at and George ought to know much better than to infer otherwise.
9. Action is urgent; discussion has been interminable—ever since Keynotes. Let us now use all our resources of men and material to the full in pursuit of the aims of the Movement.
10. If Toe H continues to wither

10. If Toc H continues to wither and finally peters out it will no doubt be because we members failed to do our utmost and our half-hearted, selfish efforts prove of little use in God's plan. We have to do our best and trust God for the extra required.

Ralph Thorne Bebington, Wirral

As one of those who played at least a small part in 'Making the Million', I am ironically amused to read the comments of George Davis as to how the money is to be used. The decision to commit the Movement to the purchase of the property that eventually made the million was an act of faith, neither airy-fairy nor squandermania, but at that time there were those who labelled it that way. There was a special Council meeting called to decide the issue, and it gave its blessing. But what do you appoint a Central Executive for, if not to direct the Movement and take action on its decisions? The thought that strikes me, George, is what would you have done were you the Chairman of the Central Executive at this time? I reckon you would have gone along with the Executive or gone out of the chair. What I say is quite simple: 'Stop beefing, be democratic and prove to the extra staff that Toc H is something worth working for, provided there is Faith as well as Works.'

Jim Symons Plymouth, Devon

Our Money and our Life

There may be some who share George Davis's concern about the Movement's current financial policy. This questioning attitude is to be expected and welcomed in a liberal organisation like Toc H. Members owe it to themselves and to the Movement to keep committees aware of their views, and committees usually welcome comments from members. The Central Executive Committee of 8 June included a debate on our financial policy because a few branch members had questioned the wisdom of the increase in expenditure. The CEC was concerned to give these objections a fair hearing, and to re-examine the reasons for the current policy, decided upon by the Central Council last year. Sue McWilliam reports her impression of the debate.

The discussion took two hours. It was good, by committee standards; reasoned fairly and sincerely. Most of the arguments for the present use of our resources have already been stated in the 'Letters' pages of *Point Three*, but some new emphases emerged.

The increased expenditure is primarily intended to build up the membership through the employment of more staff. It follows that all staff must see their first responsibility as extending a membership, committed to Christian ideals; for without a virile and committed membership Toc H cannot fulfil the purpose for which it was created: to reconcile man to man. We are assured that staff are aware of this responsibility, and that it is so clearly underlined to every

candidate, that unwillingness to accept it precludes appointment. Any growth in membership depends very largely on the staffs' ability to interpret Toc H to the public, and to encourage others to do the same. Staff of this calibre are hard to find, and if Toc H is to make the most of the market, it was suggested, it will have to pursue a more flexible employment policy.

The committee generally agreed that now is the time to expand Toc H. Tom Gulliver said, with feeling, that the policy of expansion-approved by the Central Council-is not a gamble but a response to God's initiative. 'God requires this Movement to be a reconciling force, not to go on as a slowly deflating airship.'

The Central Executive Committee seems to be treading deliberately, but with caution. The financial policy will not be implemented heedlessly. The budget allowance for more staff is the optimum and there is no immediate prospect of attaining it. Staff prepared to commit themselves to Toc H come forward in a slow trickle, not in a stream, and it will take considerable time before the places are filled. Moreover, resignations and retirements will create at least six vacancies over the next two years, and appointments to these will take priority over appointments to the additional posts proposed.

The annual Council meeting in October will give the Movement a chance to re-examine its current policies, Branch members should be able to influence these policies, through their elected councillors. Regrettably, the communication between councillors and their electorate is weak, The CEC is uncomfortably aware of, and unhappy about, this situation. Meanwhile, the CEC has undertaken to keep the programme under continuous review and will not hesitate to recommend any amendments to Council.

World Chain of Light

The vigil from 9 pm on Wednesday 11 December to 9 pm on Thursday 12 December will be sustained at the Wendover Headquarters. Branches in the UK west of Wendover and those in the Americas should join the chain on 11 December. Those in New Zealand. and westwards back to Europe, and those east of Wendover in the UK should join in on 12 December.

Other vigils are being planned in the UK as we approach our Diamond Jubilee, for

'he is nearest God who knows how to be silent'.

Watch Point Three for further information.

Welcome Point

The following branches elected new members during May:

- 9—Oakley (j)
- 8—Gedling (j)
- 6—Arlington (j)
- 3—Accrington (j), Bournemouth (j), Dundee (j) Group, Guernsey (w), Hainault (j).
- 2-Broughton Astley (w),

Central (w), Elmstead (j), Glastonbury & Street (j), Lincs Area, Southsea (w), Tavistock (m), Treforest (m), Trimley (w).

1-Ashford & Kennington (w), Bailiff Bridge (m), Bakewell (j), Barnoldswick (j), Biggleswade (w), Bognor Regis (w), Caister-on-Sea (w), Central, Central Overseas, Charlton (m), Chard (m), Croydon (j), Decside (w), Gloucester (j), Honiton (w), Kennington (m), Lodden (w), Mansfield (w), Melton Mowbray (w), Milford-on-Sea (j), Mold (w), Newport, IOW (w), Rhyl North (m), Rushden Pytchley (w), Wakefield (w), Waveney (w), Westwood (m), Whitstable (w).

We extend a warm welcome to 84 new members.

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In November: James A Roy (Scottish Area)

In February: Alice Harwood (Bognor Regis), Edwin A Reene (Old Coulsdon), John M C Robertson (Coupar Angus), George Sawyer (Tadcaster), Frances M Stevenson (Kendal).

In April: Walter L Gates (Cromer), Louis E Griggs (Hythe), John Harris (Denton), Roy V Healey (Alfreton), John R Johnson (Coney Hall), Gladys Macdonald (Wavency), Ethel C Mackenzie (Bitterne), Lily Mackey (Stony Stratford & Wolverton), John A Mortlock (Griffithstown), Harland Porritt (Middlesbrough), Frederick D B Walker (Chandlers Ford).

In May: Frank P Brown (West Kirby Beacon), Hazel F Goodright (Hunmanby), Gladys Henderson (Deeside), Robert Sprout (Alston), Frances Williams (Deeside), Rev Thomas I Williams (Deeside), Horace J Wrightson (Coney Hall).

We give thanks for their lives.



Branches will have received information from the Diamond Jubilee Committee. They are asked to return the postcard with information required by 1 August.

One of the features of the Diamond Jubilee London week-end will be a mini-exhibition of Toc H activities throughout Britain.

Among events to be held in Jubilee Year is a Garden Party at Wendover-tentatively fixed for Saturday, 21 June-a kind of open-day for members, neighbours and friends.

Have you started making your plans for a local Jubilee event during the year?

A 24-hour Vigil will be held at the Old House on 11 and 12 December 1975 where it is hoped to gather an international group to take part.

A Toc H mobile van from Berlin will be serving refreshments at Westminster, manned by members of the British-based and German staffs of our Services Clubs.

Huw Gibbs, PRO, will be making his wide experience available to branches to take fullest advantage of the publicity value of the Diamond Jubilee.

HAVE YOU GOT THE DATE BOOKED? SATURDAY 31 MAY 1975

Any ideas and all inquiries, please, to Ken Rogers, Festival Secretary, Headquarters, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT.

Small advertisements

Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) five weeks preceding publication. The charge is 3p a word (minimum 30p). *Point Three* Magazine, Toc H Editorial Office, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks HP22 6RT. Telephone 029-662 3911.

Raise funds quickly, easily. Superb ball-pens, combs, key fobs, diaries, etc, gold stamped to your requirements. Details: NORTHERN NOVELTIES, Bradford mp2 3AF.

North Buckinghamshire. For properties in this area, between £9,000 and £25,000, contact Bonner & Son, Chartered Surveyors, 12 Market Square, Buckingham μκ18 1nr. Telephone 2301.

Housekeeper required for Loughton area to help in house and act as companion for wife. Living in could be considered. Please contact: A Ashby, 'Milestones', 27 High Road, Loughton, Essex. Tel. 508 7226.



Bruges, Belgium. Hotel Jacobs (established 50 years) welcomes Toc H parties and individual visitors to this lovely old city within easy reach of other famous cities of art, and of the coast. Comfortable, modernised hotel.

Quiet situation. Parking. English spoken. Strongly recommended. Bed and breakfast only. Mr Jules Lietaert, Hottel Jacobs, Baliestraat 1, Bruges 8000. Telephone: (050) 398 31/32.

Visit Warden Manor in 1974. Historic manor house in rural Isle of Sheppey countryside near sea. Happy Toc H fellowship. New tennis court. 1974 season 6 July–14 Sept. Write John Cole, Warden Manor, Eastchurch, near Sheerness, Kent ME 12 4110.

SPECIAL OFFER

TUBBY TALKING 12" LP RECORD

In order that as many members/branches as possible have the opportunity of hearing this *unique* record they are being offered free.

If you wish to avail yourself of this Special Offer send Postal Order for 25p to cover post and packing to: Publications Dept, Toc H Administration HQ, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT.

Seaside Branches

While on holiday this year why not pay the local Toc H branch a visit?

Details of where and when branches meet in most of the better known resorts can be obtained from Sue Sutton, at the Editorial Office, Wendover.

STAFF VACANCIES

arise from time to time at our Services Clubs in Germany

The posts are mainly suitable for single men and women able to drive aged between 25 and 55. Salaries on scale £865–£1,735 per annum plus currency adjustment. Free accommodation plus food allowance; pensionable; income tax not normally payable.

Work is mainly concerned with serving Forces' families from Clubs and Mobiles, but opportunities exist for staff to express themselves in Toc H terms within the Army communities.

Keith Rea is always pleased to receive inquiries from members and friends at: Toc H Administrative Headquarters, Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT.

'Look Ethel, it's Toc H'

Get that professional finish with minimum effort

A new main exhibition kit has been produced by the public relations office. One of these kits is available free on loan from every regional office.

The construction we use is known as the Multiscreen system. Over the last decade it has become one of the most popular display methods in Britain. The system comprises slim chromed-steel frames. hardboard panels and push-on connectors. The Toc H kit consists of 30 panels which may be used as one unit or broken down and erected as several smaller features. Assembly is child's play.

The advantage of using these well designed units is the ease with which you acquire fully illustrated and moving descriptions of Toc H and its work. Each unit also offers an attractive hessian-covered board for local material.

Make sure you order Multiscreen for your next big event.

All inquiries will be dealt with at your Regional Office.

Photo: Cameracraft

